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Advancement of women**Letter dated 7 November 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly**

On behalf of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) and in accordance with article III, paragraph 3 (d), of the Statute of the Institute, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. On 31 October 2005, the Executive Board of INSTRAW met to review the Institute's progress from June to October 2005 as well as to study the proposed fund-raising strategy for INSTRAW.
2. The Executive Board took note of the activities implemented from June to October 2005 in the four areas in the Strategic Plan approved earlier (INSTRAW/EB/2005/R.2 and INSTRAW/EB/2005/R.5/Rev.1) and was satisfied with the progress made by INSTRAW in such a short period of time.
3. The Executive Board studied a report on fund-raising strategy which had been requested from the Director at the previous Board meeting held on 1 June 2005 (INSTRAW/EB/2005/R.6).
4. The Executive Board decided to establish a Subcommittee composed of three Board members with the objective of analysing in greater detail the content of the document as well as the various suggestions made, in order to prepare recommendations for making the Institute financially sustainable.
5. The INSTRAW Board recommends that the General Assembly should support INSTRAW activities and appeals to the Assembly to provide sufficient financial assistance to the Institute so that it can carry out its activities in accordance with its workplan and its budget (INSTRAW/EB/2005/R.3), while the financing channels suggested in the strategy report are examined and decided upon.

On behalf of the Executive Board, I request you to circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly for its study and debate in the Third Committee, under agenda item 64 of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Juan Antonio Yáñez-Barnuevo

